

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE.

Torrance, California,
March 3, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, March 3, 1924, and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Gilbert. The Trustees present were: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert. Absent, Smith.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 19, 1924, were read and approved after a correction regarding the comparison of watches in the Western Avenue protest hearing.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of Feb. 25, 1924, were read and approved as read.

A communication from the Inglewood Mayor concerning the proposed Sewer District now being formed was read by the Clerk.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Zeller, and a majority vote, the letter was accepted and placed on file.

A letter from the State Commission of Immigration and Housing asking for the personnel of the City's Planning Commission and for copies of the Act creating same, together with any Ordinances pertaining to zoning, was read.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Clerk be instructed to give the data sought and enclose copies of the Building and Zoning Ordinances. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Zeller read extracts from the Auditor's report of Jan. 3rd, stating that members of the Board might look into it more thoroughly if they so desired.

Trustee Proctor moved that the report be accepted and a note of thanks tendered Mr. Huberich for his good work and evident interest. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Recorder King reported fines for the month of February amounting to \$1,175.00.

Clerk Bartlett reported Building Permits amounting to \$323,100.00, of which \$110,000.00 were for derricks.

Trustee Proctor moved that the salary of Mr. Gascoigne be raised from \$150.00 to \$175.00 per month, effective March 1, 1924. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Trustee Proctor moved that a Resolution be drawn up and passed by this Board endorsing the proposed Metropolitan Sewer District. There was no second, but a discussion of the proposition followed after which

Trustee Proctor moved that a committee from the Board of Trustees interview the Dominguez Land Co. and find out what they would be willing to do in case we went into a Metropolitan Sewer district. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

President Gilbert appointed Trustee Proctor, the City Attorney and the City Engineer to serve on the above committee.

A motion by Trustee Proctor that this committee report back to the Board at the next meeting was not seconded.

President Gilbert stated that he had very thoroughly investigated the matter of connecting Post Avenue with the

entrance to Western Avenue; that this strip certainly should be paved as it would carry a lot of through traffic; that the P. E. could not be expected to pave it themselves even though it did cross their tracks, and recommended that steps be taken to do this work.

Trustee Proctor mentioned the fact that Susana Avenue was only an extension of Gramercy Avenue; that it was hard to direct any one definitely on this account, and recommended that Susana be changed to Gramercy Avenue.

President Gilbert stated that Mr. Hennis of Gardena was contemplating the erection of a display room with garage in the rear, at the corner of Post and Cravens; also that Mr. Paull, Dodge distributor, was thinking of building in this vicinity, and asked if the Board had any objections to it; mentioning that the said location was in the business district. The Board raised no objections to granting such permit.

Trustee Proctor read:

RESOLUTION NO. 168

RESOLVED, that the name of that certain street now known as Susana be, and the same hereby is, changed to Gramercy Avenue.

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 168 be adopted as dictated. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

A rumor, said Trustee Fitzhugh, was evidently gaining much headway about the finding of a human body in the reservoir, and he thought the Police Chief should make an investigation in order to allay any such misapprehension.

The Chief reported that after a thorough investigation he found the rumor was absolutely unfounded.

This brought up the tainted water question. President Gilbert stated that he had talked with the Health Officer and been assured that the water was absolutely pure; that what should be done was for the Fire Department to flush the pipes very thoroughly at present, and to do it hereafter from time to time to keep the vegetable matter cleaned out.

Clerk Bartlett recommended printing the Ordinances in pamphlet form, estimating the cost of same as \$600.00.

President Gilbert expressed himself as being in favor of leaving this for the next Board as the present Board had such a short time to serve. Trustee Proctor felt the same way about it, and the rest of the Board concurred by silence.

Mr. Gadeky mentioned that Thursday the 6th would be Mr. Luther Burbank's 75th Birthday anniversary and thought it would be nice if the City would purchase a tree for planting for the school children; and that a good place to plant it would be in the first park or in the park in front of the school house.

Trustee Proctor moved that the City buy a tree (allowing Mr. Gadeky to pick it out) and present same to the school children to plant where they wanted it. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

At 9:00 P.M. a recess was declared until Attorney Briney appeared.

At 9:30 P.M. under "unfinished business" Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 80

GRANTING WESTERN SHEET GLASS CO. FRANCHISE.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 80 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Attorney Briney read

ORDINANCE NO. 81
GRANTING ASSOCIATED OIL CO. FRANCHISE.

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 81 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Attorney Briney read

ORDINANCE NO. 82
CALLING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Trustee Zeller moved that Ordinance No. 82 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Attorney Briney read

ORDINANCE NO. 83
REPEALING ORDINANCES 23 AND 45 AND
FIXING SALARIES.

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 83 be adopted as read for its final reading. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

ORDINANCE NO. 84 was introduced by Trustee Fitzhugh.

Clerk Bartlett read the following of even date:

"To the Board of Trustees,
City of Torrance,
Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as City Recorder of the City of Torrance to take effect immediately.

Signed: Perry G. Briney.

On motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Zeller, and a majority vote, the above resignation was accepted.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the City Engineer be instructed to request deed from the P. E. for right of way on Western Ave. between the depot and west side of Western Avenue, for road purposes. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Again under "new business" Trustee Fitzhugh moved that B. M. Anderson be appointed as City Marshal of the City of Torrance, to take effect immediately. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Trustee Proctor moved that James L. King be appointed Recorder of the City of Torrance to take effect immediately.

Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

Trustee Proctor moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES: Trustees: None

ABSENT: Trustee Smith.

At 10:10 P.M. Trustee Fitzhugh moved to adjourn until 7:00 P.M. Monday March 10, 1924. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Adrian H. Bantel
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. E. E. E.
President of the Board of Trustees of
the City of Torrance.